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## THE CITY OF NEWPORT INVITES CITIZENS TO WEIGH IN ONLINE REGARDING TWO UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECTS

The City of Newport is pleased to announce the launch of **Newport.mindmixer.com**, a new community engagement website, developed by MindMixer, where citizens can connect, communicate and collaborate with community decision makers and other residents on the future of our community.

The goal is to get the community involved in the planning process. Along the way, Newport.mindmixer.com will be used as an online tool to generate new ideas and feedback from citizens using this interactive and accessible platform.

Feedback from the website will be used by City of Newport in order to lay out plans on a variety of projects.

“Mindmixer can be an effective and creative way to engage the people of Newport in the future of our city”, said Public Works Director Tim Gross. “Like town hall meetings and city council meetings, it gives us yet another way to hear what people want their city to become. City planning and development is about involvement, and the more tools we have, the better.”

**Newport.mindmixer.com** gives citizens a chance to share ideas, support others’ ideas, expand upon existing ideas and give feedback on initiatives, projects, and proposals, working with community leaders on a variety of topics online anytime, anywhere.

The discussion will start with two projects, and branch off from there based on input:

- **Ferry Slip Road Improvements**
- **SW Abalone/Brant Street Improvements**

The site also measures and tracks participation, identifying the most interested citizens and most compelling topics. MindMixer’s tools make it easy for administrations to communicate back with citizens, and they deliver measurable results and invaluable insights for the planning process.

See it in action at <http://newport.mindmixer.com>. The City of Newport looks forward to using this site for more projects, and more citizen involvement, in the future.

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